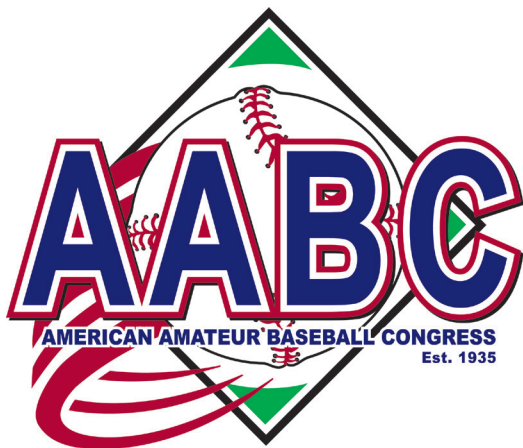


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THE AMERICAN AMATEUR BASEBALL CONGRESS

The American Amateur Baseball Congress is the only amateur baseball program that provides progressive and continuous organized competition – sub-teens through adults – at World Series levels. It is coordinated with other programs through USA Baseball and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

OUR MISSION

American Amateur Baseball Congress strives to enlarge and advance the scope of amateur baseball by stimulating interest and competition, and to provide a sound, experienced organization to assist and educate local groups in obtaining the maximum citizenship values.

OUR WEBSITE

You may access the American Amateur Baseball Congress website at <http://www.aabc.us>. The website contains the latest news and information regarding the AABC.

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DEFINITIONS

AABC, the Congress and the National Office: as used throughout this Handbook means the American Amateur Baseball Congress.

Division: One of the following fourteen (14) age groups in which the AABC conducts competition:

1. Stan Musial Division (unlimited age);
2. Connie Mack Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2007 or players born between May 1, 2006 and April 30, 2007 if they graduated high school in 2026);
3. Don Mattingly Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2008 and players born on or after May 1, 2007 if they have high school eligibility remaining for the 2026/2027 school year);
4. Mickey Mantle Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2009 or players born between May 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009 if they are a sophomore in high school in 2026);
5. Ken Griffey Jr. Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2010 or players born between May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010 if they are a freshman in high school in 2026);
6. Sandy Koufax Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2011 or players born between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011 if they are in the 8th grade in 2026);
7. Nolan Ryan Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2012);

8. Pee Wee Reese Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2013);
9. Gil Hodges Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2014);
10. Willie Mays Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2015);
11. Jackie Robinson 9s Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2016);
12. Roberto Clemente Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2017);
13. Roberto Clemente 7s Division (In 2026 players born on or after May 1, 2018).
14. Rod Carew Division 6U (In 2026 players born on or after May 1, 2019).

League: A group of teams, per age division with its own government playing a regular schedule.

National Competition: Tournament competition shall include Area Qualifiers, World Series Qualifiers and World Series.

Recruiting Area: Any bordering touching state to your Hub area shall be considered Local.

Roster: The official AABC Roster Form.

AABC GENERAL RULES

REGISTRATION DUES

RULE 101

- (a) National Dues: National dues are determined annually by the AABC Board of Directors and are assessed on a per team basis. Current dues are \$50 per team for all groups.

Any team playing in any National Tournament (Qualifiers, Regionals or World Series) must be registered in their Home Area prior to the beginning of the tournament.

- (b) Umpire Dues: The registration fee for umpires is \$35.00 before July 1 of the current year and \$50.00 from July 1 through December 31 of the current year.

UMPIRES NOT REGISTERED CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS. TOURNAMENTS THAT UTILIZE AN UNREGISTERED UMPIRE WILL BE PENALIZED \$50 PER UNREGISTERED UMPIRE.

- (c) Deadlines: The deadline for the payment of National dues is June 15 for ALL age divisions.

SUSPENSIONS

RULE 102

- (a) The President of the AABC shall have the authority to suspend any player, manager, coach, sponsor or official for just cause.
- (b) Suspensions imposed by any AABC member Organization shall be upheld by all AABC member Organizations.
- (c) Suspensions may be appealed to the National Office, but only upon the grounds that the suspended person's constitutional rights have been violated or that he has not been given a proper hearing. Appeals must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and must be received by the National Office no later than seven (7) calendar days following receipt of written notice of such suspension by the person suspended. The appeal shall be heard and ruled upon by the Executive Committee. If the appeal is upheld, the \$100 fee will be returned

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND ELIGIBILITY RULES

RULE 103

An accounting of all funds of any player, manager, coach, team, League or Organization may be requested at any time at the sole discretion of the AABC Executive Office.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

RULE 104

AABC insurance program administered by American Specialty Insurance Group is the only acceptable insurance for national tournament play. Teams must provide proof to the tournament committee of coverage with minimums of \$1,000,000 in liability limits.

The AABC has reviewed and pre-approved the AABC insurance coverage provided by American Specialty Insurance. The cost to purchase a American Specialties policy is as follows for each Division

	One Million Liability Limit And Participant	Two Million Liability Limit Accident and Participant Accident
Rod Carew	\$110	\$119
Roberto Clemente	\$118	\$127
Jackie Robinson	\$123	\$132
Willie Mays	\$123	\$132
Gil Hodges	\$128	\$137
Pee Wee Reese	\$128	\$137
Nolan Ryan	\$162	\$172
Sandy Koufax	\$162	\$172
Ken Griffey Jr	\$183	\$194
Mickey Mantle	\$183	\$194
Don Mattingly	\$205	\$217
Connie Mack	\$205	\$217
Stan Musial	\$527	\$594

NOTE: Certain discounts are available for those Leagues/Organizations registering all of their teams. Please check with American Specialty Insurance Company for details.

ROSTERS

RULE 105

In National competition, the total number of players per team is unlimited in Stan Musial, twenty-four (24) players in Connie Mack and Don Mattingly Divisions and twenty two (22) players in the Mickey Mantle and Ken Griffey Jr Divisions and twenty (20) players in all other age divisions. All teams must have a minimum of 10 players on their roster from their recruiting area.

All leagues must require that each of its teams complete an official AABC Roster, which is the ONLY roster form that can be utilized for National Tournaments. On or before 24 hours prior to the first game, each team qualified must submit an Official AABC online roster at www.aabc.us. Each Tournament Director must mark the online roster as certified once he has verified and confirmed said certification. These certified rosters will then be available online to the Tournament Director at the next stage of Tournament competition. Teams that have qualified may alter their sanctioned roster from their first qualifying event any time except during play of any tournament, up to the beginning of their final event by up to 40% of the maximum roster limit of their respective age division, provided the total players on the roster does not exceed the maximum number of players allowed: ten (10) roster spots in Stan Musial, Connie Mack and Don Mattingly; nine (9) rosters spots in Mickey Mantle and Ken Griffey Jr and eight (8) roster spots in all other age divisions. All roster spot additions or changes must come from a registered AABC team. After a Host Team chooses his two players the next player chosen will be the choice of the Regional/Area winner (If there are multiple Area winners choosing the order of priority shall be by earliest completion date of the tournaments) and then any National Qualifier winner and then any Automatic Bid team. Subsequent picks should be completed on an alternating basis following the above described order.

Connie Mack and Don Mattingly Divisions, if a player is “shut down” by his committed College Team, it will not count as a Roster Move with a max of three players.

ROSTERS FOR ALL WORLD SERIES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE SERIES UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

ROSTERS FOR THE TEAMS RECEIVING AN AUTOMATIC BID FOR THE CONNIE MACK WORLD SERIES AND THE MICKEY MANTLE WORLD SERIES MUST SUBMIT THEIR ROSTERS ONLINE ON OR BEFORE JULY 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

RULE 106

- (a) If during a game, a team has a player who is not on the sanctioned roster enter the game, it will constitute a forfeit.

AMATEUR STANDING

RULE 108

No player may receive monetary remuneration, directly or indirectly, for services to any team.

However, a player shall not become ineligible upon signing a professional contract, even if a bonus is involved, until the contract has been promulgated by the professional baseball authority governing in his case and he reports for training or play.

Participation in any baseball program sanctioned as amateur by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Association of Inter-Collegiate Athletics (NAIA) and/or National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) shall be recognized as amateur by the AABC.

Under these rules, any player who is compensated for services as a player or has ever been under contract to a professional team is considered a professional player, i.e., not an amateur, except for the limited exception provided above. As used herein, "professional team" includes, but is not limited to, (i) a Major League Baseball club, (ii) a club operating under the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, (iii) an independent professional team, (iv) a team that is not specifically recognized as amateur or that plays in a league not specifically recognized as amateur by the AABC, or (v) one which plays for a stake or in tournaments where there is a division of receipts or fees, other than for expenditures, depending upon the outcome of a game or games.

Players that have played professional baseball will be reinstated as an Amateur, but are only eligible for the Stan Musial Division.

PLAYING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME

RULE 109

Any player appearing on an AABC Roster and playing under an assumed name, either within or outside of the AABC, shall be suspended for not less than one (1) year, unless the intent to use such assumed name is filed with and approved by the National Office prior to its use. The Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the AABC president, shall have authority to place such a player on probation after the one year suspension is imposed.

ELIGIBILITY OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PLAYERS

RULE 110

A member of a high school or college baseball team shall not be eligible to play in the AABC until after the conclusion of the playing season of the scholastic institution for which he is playing, unless such participation is approved by the scholastic governing authority.

PLAYING WITH MORE THAN ONE TEAM

RULE 111

To be determined by National Office.

TOURNAMENT RULES

PLAYING RULE

RULE 201

- (a) The MLB Rule Book shall be in force unless an exception is noted in this Handbook.
- (b) Trips to the mound will follow the current MLB Rule Book. Pitching changes required by Pitch Smart necessitating a trip to the mound also count as a trip.
- (c) Players and Coaches must be in Full uniform for all games at the CMWS. Shorts may be worn by coaches if they are similar to the team uniform and approved by the tournament director.
- (d) The home team will be determined by flip of a coin prior to the game, unless determined at a previously announced time.
- (e) Pregame warm-up rules will vary by tournament. Please

consult your designated tournament director or the tournament committee for applicable pregame warm-up rules.

- (f) Dates, times, and sites of tournament games are subject to change at the discretion of the designated tournament director and/or tournament committee.
- (g) If a pitcher is found to have exceeded the allowed number of pitches during a game, the illegal pitching situation will be rectified immediately. An infraction will occur when the pitcher in question is not removed after being warned by the official scorer. The manager of the team exceeding the pitch limits will be ejected from the game. The tournament committee will review the infraction after the game and may impose an additional one game suspension for the manager if warranted. The pitcher in questions will not receive any direct penalty but will be made to adhere to prescribed days of rest based on the number of pitches at the time of the infraction.
- (h) The only non-uniformed personnel permitted in the dugouts are certified trainers, other personnel listed on the team's official AABC tournament roster, or an official stationed in the dugout at the direction of the Tournament Committee or Tournament Director.
- (i) Any coach, player or other personnel associated with a team whom is ejected from a game must leave the complex for the remainder of the game.
- (j) Game Changer or IScore will be utilized for all scoring for AABC National Tournaments.
- (k) Connie Mack pool play will be International Tie Breaker. Bracket play will be extra innings
- (l) On initial plays at first, the runner must use the orange/colored base in foul territory, while the fielder uses the white base in fair territory. The runner is out if they only touch the white base on a close play.

AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME)	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)							
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days		
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A	N/A	
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A	N/A	
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A	N/A	
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A	N/A	
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A	N/A	
19-22	120	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81-105	106+	106+	

No pitcher may pitch three (3) consecutive days. Official scores will be responsible for official pitch count.

COMPLETION OF QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

RULE 202

Qualifying Tournaments must make every effort to complete play on the Sunday prior to the start of any World Series. In the event it becomes necessary for teams to play more than two (2) games in any one day to complete the tournament by the Sunday prior to the start of the World Series, tournament directors must request permission from the National Office. Permission to play more than two games in any one day is not likely.

MERCY RULE

RULE 203

In AABC Tournament competition for the Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Don Mattingly, Mickey Mantle, Ken Griffey Jr. and Sandy Koufax Divisions shall be legally completed after five (5) innings if the visiting team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs and after four and one-half (4 ½) innings if the home team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs.

Nolan Ryan, Pee Wee Reese, Gil Hodges and Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente divisions, add after (4) innings if the visiting team is ahead by ten (10) runs and three and one-half (3 ½) innings if the home team is ahead, and at least eight (8) after five (5) innings if the visiting team is ahead and after four and one-half (4 ½) if the home team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs.

PROOF OF AGE

RULE 204

Each player participating in AABC Tournament play must be identified by a birth certificate, or a legible copy of same, from a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which the player was born; or in the case of foreign born players, a Department of Commerce certification upon first entry into

the country, or certification of the same by the Department of Commerce. A certified passport or driver's license with Real ID is also acceptable. Hospital or baptismal certificates will not be accepted. Where compliance with the foregoing can be shown to be impossible, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the governing Tournament committee.

Stan Musial Division (unlimited age)

Connie Mack Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2007 or players born between May 1, 2006 and April 30, 2007 if they graduated high school in 2026); must show a copy (original or facsimile) of his 2026 High School diploma to be certified as eligible . Eligibility is granted to graduating seniors only under this exemption. A GED credential certificate is also acceptable. No player can be 20 years old. All players must be approved by National Office prior to start of the tournament.

Don Mattingly Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2008 and players born on or after May 1, 2007 if they have high school eligibility remaining for the 2026/2027 school year); must produce an original notarized document signed by a school official showing the high school eligibility remaining for the 2026 school year.

Mickey Mantle Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2009 or players born between May 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009 if they are a sophomore in high school in 2026); must produce an original notarized document signed by a school official showing he was a sophomore in high school during the 2026 school year .

Ken Griffey Jr. Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2010 or players born between May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010 if they are a freshman in high school in 2026); must produce an original notarized document signed by a school official showing he was a freshman in high school during the 2026 school year.

Sandy Koufax Division (in 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2011 or players born between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011 16 if they are in the 8th grade in 2026); must produce an original notarized document signed by a school official showing he was in the 8th grade during the 2026 school year.

Nolan Ryan Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2012); must produce an original notarized document signed by a school official showing he was in the 7th grade during the 2026 school year.

Pee Wee Reese Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2013);

Gil Hodges Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2014);

Willie Mays Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2015);

Jackie Robinson 9s Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2016);

Roberto Clemente Division (In 2026, players born on or after May 1, 2017);

Roberto Clemente 7s Division (In 2026 players born on or after May 1, 2018).

Rod Carew Division 6U (In 2026 players born on or after May 1, 2019).

EXTRA PLAYERS FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

RULE 205

- (a) All pick up players for the CMWS must be cleared via the National Office.

TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND BYES

RULE 211

- (a) AABC Tournaments must be completed in compliance with the approved AABC double-elimination bracket; deviations from the approved brackets are not permitted other than for pool play. The AABC approved method of pairings mandates that the Tournament be conducted on a true double-elimination basis. Following the first three (3) or four (4) rounds of a Tournament, pairings may need to be adjusted to comply with the following rules. All bracket pairings shall be made by the National Office or done at the pre-tournament coaches meeting.
- (b) Following the first three (3) or four (4) rounds when pairings have begun, where there is a bye in the schedule, all teams – undefeated and defeated – shall share in drawing for the bye except as provided below in (d). No team may receive a second bye until every other team alive shall have had a first bye. This will be adhered to even if it means two (2) teams must meet for the second time when there is a team alive they have not yet met. The bye has top priority over anything else and MUST be the first consideration. IT IS VITAL AND ESSENTIAL THAT THE BYE BE DETERMINED FIRST.
- (c) Winners will play winners and losers will play losers and no team will meet another team for the second time where there remains a different team left to play, UNLESS: it would violate (b) above. If there is only one possible group of pairings with the fewest number of teams meeting for the second time, then that group of pairings shall be used. If there is more than one equal possibility, the group of games involving once defeated teams will be selected by lot from those pairings with the fewest number of teams which must meet for the second time.
- (d) When there are only three (3) teams left in the Tournament

and each has received an equal number of byes or no team has received a bye and one team has played the other two teams and the other two teams have not met, then the teams who have not met must play, and the other team will receive the bye in that round; or ii) one team has not met either of the other two teams, and the other two teams have met, then the team who has not played either of the other two teams will draw its opponent, and the other team will receive a bye in that round.

POOL PLAY

RULE 212

Pool play as outlined by the AABC may be used in National competition if requested and approved in writing by the National Office no later than June 15th of each year. In all cases, pool play must be followed by either single or double elimination. Official AABC rules must apply.

Ties after completed pool play shall be broken using the following order of determination: first, head-to-head competition; second, least total number of runs given up in games involving the tied teams; third, most runs scored in games involving the tied teams; and fourth, draw or flip. If there are more than two teams tied initially, after the first determining tie breaker, the remaining tied teams will start over with the first rule of the tie breaker.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

RULE 213

- (a) Qualifying tournaments may be played to determine teams advancing to National competition. A team that has won a qualifier (Regional/Area or National) may not participate in any other AABC Tournament of any kind other than the tournament for which it qualified.

- (b) Eligible entrants for Qualifying Tournaments include any team duly registered with the AABC as of the date of the qualifying tournament. All qualifying tournament must have a minimum of sixteen (16) teams entered unless approved by the National Office.
- (c) The winner of a World Series Qualifying Tournament may only change their roster used in the tournament by adding “extra” players under AABC Rule 205 and/or replacing players under AABC Rule 105.
- (d) Sites hosting a National Tournament may charge entry fees of their determination, but must provide for the winning team’s travel and other expenses, as established by the National Office for Connie Mack Division only.

TERMINATED AND SUSPENDED GAMES

RULE 214

- (a) Other than in World Series Play, a game shall be legally completed after five (5) innings if the visiting team is ahead and after four and one-half (4 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead in Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Mickey Mantle, Ken Griffey Jr., Sandy Koufax, Nolan Ryan, Pee Wee Reese and Gil Hodges. In Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente a game shall be legally completed after four (4) innings if the visiting team is ahead and after three and one-half (3 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead. In World Series, double elimination format (not in pool play), each game in the Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Don Mattingly, Mickey Mantle, Ken Griffey Jr, Sandy Koufax, Nolan Ryan, Pee Wee Reese, and Gil Hodges divisions must complete at least seven (7) innings or six and one half (6 1/2) innings (five [5] innings or four and one half [4 1/2] under the Mercy Rule) if the home team is ahead; each game in the World Series, double elimination format (not in pool play) for Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente division, must complete six (6) innings or five and one half (5 1/2) innings (four [4] innings or three

and one half [31/2] innings under the Mercy Rule) if the home team is ahead. In other words, all World Series games must complete the number of innings designated for their respective age divisions unless the Tournament Committee determines it necessary to shorten the games in order to complete the World Series.

TOURNAMENT ALLOWANCES

RULE 215

Tournament allowances at the World Series level vary depending upon the age Division and may include housing, meal and/or travel allowances, but such allowances are discretionary, not mandatory. Regions which fail to register 50 teams for a particular age division or at least 1,000 teams in total may have World Series travel monies reduced or eliminated at the discretion of the National Office.

Please contact the AABC National Headquarters for more detailed information regarding World Series Tournament allowances.

SPECIAL RULES FOR 2026 NEW MEXICO CMWS QUALIFIER

RULE 216

- Must be a New Mexico based team with 75% of their roster New Mexico based players
- Must pick up 6 Farmington, NM registered players for the CMWS, will not count as moves
- White Handbook rules will apply
- Winning team receives \$10,000 for housing, must stay in selected motel or elimination from tournament. IF foster homes are available the \$10,000 for housing does not apply. **Everything must be coordinated through the Host Family committee.**
- Tournament will be run by Five Tool
- Event will take place in Farmington, NM

GAME LIMIT

RULE 217

- (a) In Tournament play, no team shall be permitted to play more than two (2) games in one calendar day without direct permission from the National Office.
- (b) There may be a time limit for games established for or during Tournament Play subject to the approval of the National Office.

SLIDING

RULE 218

1. NCAA Rule. On a force play, the runner must slide on a line directly between the bases; it is allowable to slide through the base if the runner's momentum carries him beyond the bag.

PROTESTS

RULE 219

No protests allowed except those regarding player eligibility.

UMPIRES

RULE 220

All umpires working in AABC Tournaments must be registered with the AABC for the current year.

EQUIPMENT

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT EVERY HELMET BE REPLACED ANNUALLY DUE TO WARRANTY AND NOCSAE APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

RULE 221

- (a) Players and coaches must be in uniform at all Regional/Area and World Series Tournament games. Shorts may be worn by coaches if they are similar to the team uniform only if permitted by the tournament committee. World Series semi-finals and finals require full uniform for Connie Mack.
- (b) The use of NOSCAE approved protective headgear (hardhat) with double flaps while batting and running the bases is mandatory.
- (c) The use of NOSCAE approved protective headgear (hardhat) and a throat protector by the catcher.
- (d) The use of approved protection headgear (hard hat) must be worn by base coaches while in the field of play.
- (e) In AABC Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Don Mattingly, Mickey Mantle and Ken Griffey Jr. division tournaments, one wood stick may be used. No composite bats, with the exception of the Baum Bat, Zinger Composite Bat. The bat must not exceed forty-two and (42) inches in length and 2.61 inches in diameter.
- (f) In AABC Sandy Koufax (14) Division Tournaments, wood or non-wood BBCOR bats may be used. The bat may not exceed minus three (-3) in differential between length and weight and must not be larger than 2.625 inches in diameter.
- (g) In AABC Nolan Ryan, Pee Wee Reese, Gil Hodges, Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson, and Roberto Clemente Division Tournaments, wood or non-wood bats may be used and must not be larger in diameter than 2.625 inches. There is no restriction with regard to the differential between length and weight. All non-wood bats must have the certification and stamp of USA Baseball.

- (h) An altered or tampered bat will be subject to 6.03 (4) of Official Baseball Rules. Exception – If a bat is determined by the umpire to be merely dented or damaged, it shall be removed and a team warning issued. Each subsequent offense will result in the batter being called out.

1. If the batter has reached base on a base hit and runners have advanced because of the hit, all runners shall return to their base occupied at the time of the pitch and the batter will be called out. The appeal must be made before the next pitch.

- (i) The official AABC logo must appear on every player and coaches baseball hat during National competition.
- (j) Facilities may require certain shoes as in turfs, tennis shoes or no metal spikes.
- (k) A pitch clock utilizing MLB rules will be used in Connie Mack where equipment is available at field locations.

OFFICIAL BALL

The Official ball of the Stan Musial, Connie Mack and Don Mattingly division shall be the Rawlings “low or flat seam” ball.

KEY RULES FOR THE NCAA DOUBLE FIRST BASE

- **Initial Play:** On a ball hit to the infield, the batter-runner must touch the colored base, and the fielder must use the white base.
- **Safety Exception:** If the fielder is pulled into foul territory, they may use the colored base, and the runner may use the white base to avoid collision.
- **Returning to Base:** On pick-off attempts, the runner must return to the white base.
- **Running Through:** If the batter-runner hits only the white bag on an initial play, they are considered to have missed the base and will be called out.
- **Subsequent Plays:** Once the runner is safe at first, they must use the white base. The colored base is no longer “safe”.
- **Batted Ball:** A ball hitting the white base is fair; hitting only the colored base is foul

DIVISION RULES:

STAN MUSIAL

GAME LENGTH

RULE 701

In Regional Stan Musial tournament play, each Region/Area may elect to have games of either seven (7) or nine (9) innings in length. In the Stan Musial World Series, game length shall be seven (7) innings or nine (9) at the discretion of the tournament director.

DESIGNATED HITTER RULE

RULE 702

The designated hitter rule of Professional Baseball is permitted in Stan Musial.

SUSPENDED PLAYERS

RULE 703

No player on the suspended or disqualified list of Organized Baseball shall be eligible for competition in the AABC, under any circumstances.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

Rule 704

Refer to Pitch Smart Guidelines on page 14

CONNIE MACK
and DON MATTINGLY

SIGNING PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

RULE 801

A player who has signed a professional contract, as described in Rule 108, and who has participated in professional baseball, shall not be eligible for reinstatement in any Division of the AABC other than Stan Musial.

GAME LENGTH

RULE 802

In AABC tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Connie Mack Division. The Mercy Rule, which is set forth in the Basic AABC Tournament Rules and Regulations on page 15, shall be enforced.

DESIGNATED HITTER RULE

RULE 803

The designated hitter rule of Professional Baseball is permitted in Connie Mack.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

RULE 804

Refer to Pitch Smart Guidelines on page 14

MICKEY MANTLE and KEN GRIFFEY JR.

GAME LENGTH

RULE 901

In AABC tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Mickey Mantle Division. The Mercy Rule 203, which is set forth in the Basic AABC Tournament Rules and Regulations on page 15, shall be enforced.

DESIGNATED HITTER RULE

RULE 902

The designated hitter rule of Professional Baseball is permitted in Mickey Mantle.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

RULE 903

Refer to Pitch Smart guidelines on Page 14.

SANDY KOUFAX and NOLAN RYAN

GAME LENGTH

RULE 1001

In AABC Tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Sandy Koufax Division. The Mercy Rule, which is set forth in the Basic AABC Tournament Rules and Regulations on page 15, shall be enforced.

RE-ENTRY

RULE 1002

Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. If a starting pitcher leaves the field of play, he may reenter the game in the same batting position but not as a pitcher. Please note that discovery of an illegal player by an umpire shall result in that player being restricted to the dugout for the duration of the game.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

RULE 1003

Refer to Pitch Smart Guidelines on Page 14.

BASES, PITCHING AND OUTFIELD FENCE DISTANCE

RULE 1004

In AABC Tournament play for the Nolan Ryan Division, the distance between the bases shall be either 80 feet or 90 feet and the pitching distance shall be 54 feet or 60 feet. Discretion of the Tournament Host.

In AABC Tournament play for the Sandy Koufax (14 and under Division), distance between the bases shall be 90 feet and the pitching distance shall be 60 feet 6 inches with the pitching plate ten (10) inches above home plate. If outfield fences are utilized, it is recommended that they be not more than 320 feet down each foul line and not over 380 feet in straight center field.

NOTE: The DH is not allowed, however an Extra (EH) Hitter is allowed and may rotate defensively into the field of play with any other player in the lineup, must include three defensive position moves.

PEE WEE REESE and GIL HODGES

GAME LENGTH

RULE 1101

In AABC Tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Pee Wee Reese and Gil Hodges Division. The Mercy Rule, Rule 203, which is set forth in the Basic AABC Tournament Rules and Regulations on page 15, shall be enforced.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

RULE 1102

Refer to Pitch Smart Guidelines on Page 14

BASE STEALING

RULE 1103

Base stealing shall be permitted in accordance with Major League Rules.

EQUIPMENT

RULE 1104

Metal spikes shall not be permitted.

BASES, PITCHING AND OUTFIELD FENCE DISTANCE

RULE 1105

In AABC Tournament play, the distance between the bases shall be 70 feet and the pitching distance shall be 50 feet, 6 inches. At all Regional and World Series play, the pitching mound shall have a pitching plate that is approximately six (6) inches above home plate and the batter's box shall be three (3) feet by five (5) feet. If outfield fences are utilized, it is recommended that they not exceed 260 feet.

RE-ENTRY

RULE 1106

Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. If a starting pitcher leaves the field of play, he may re-enter the game in the same batting position but not as a pitcher. Please note that discovery of an illegal player by an umpire shall result in that player being restricted to the dugout for the duration of the game.

NOTE: The DH is not allowed, however an Extra (EH) Hitter is allowed and may rotate defensively into the field of play with any other player in the lineup, must include three defensive position moves.

WILLIE MAYS and JACKIE ROBINSON

GAME LENGTH

RULE 1201

In AABC tournament play, six (6) innings shall constitute a game in the Willie Mays Division. The Mercy Rule, Rule 203, which is set forth in the Basic AABC Tournament Rules and Regulations on page 15, shall be enforced.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

RULE 1202

Refer to Pitch Smart Guidelines on Page 14

BASE STEALING

RULE 1203

Base stealing shall be permitted in accordance with Major League Rules.

EQUIPMENT

RULE 1204

Metal spikes shall not be permitted.

BASES, PITCHING AND OUTFIELD FENCE DISTANCE

RULE 1205

In AABC tournament play, the distance between the bases shall be 65 feet, and the pitching distance shall be 46 feet. At all Regional and World Series play, the pitching mound shall have a pitching plate that is approximately four (4) inches above home plate and the batter's box shall be three (3) feet by five (5) feet. If outfield fences are utilized, it is recommended that they be not less than 175 feet down each foul line and not over 225 feet in straight center field.

RE-ENTRY

RULE 1206

Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. If a starting pitcher leaves the field of play, he may re-enter the game in the same batting position but not as a pitcher. Please note that discovery of an illegal player by an umpire shall result in that player being restricted to the dugout for the duration of the game.

NOTE: The DH is not allowed, however an Extra (EH) Hitter is allowed and may rotate defensively into the field of play with any other player in the lineup, must include three defensive position moves.

ROBERTO CLEMENTE & ROBERTO CLEMENTE 7S

GAME LENGTH

RULE 1301

In AABC tournament play, six (6) innings shall constitute a game in the Roberto Clemente Division. The Mercy Rule, Rule 203, which is set forth in the Basic AABC Tournament Rules and Regulations on page 15, shall be enforced.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

RULE 1302

Refer to Pitch Smart Guidelines on Page 14

BASE STEALING

RULE 1303

Base stealing is not permitted in the Roberto Clemente Division.

- (a) Runners on base cannot advance when the pitcher is on the pitching rubber with the ball in possession and the catcher is set and ready to catch.
- (b) After the ball passes the home plate, the runner can advance on their risk.
- (c) If the runner tries to advance before the ball passes the home plate, the following rules apply:
 - 1. If he arrives safe, he is returned to the original base.

2. If he is tagged before he arrives at the base, the runner is out.
 3. If at the same time the batter hit a fair ball, the runner is awarded with one base more than the batter.
- (d) No runner may advance from third to home unless he is batted home or forced by a base on balls. The runner on third cannot advance on a wild pitch or passed ball.
- (e) After a missed third strike, the batter cannot advance to first.

Please note that when a player hits the ball, all runners can advance and score and the play continues until the umpire calls time or the ball is dead.

EQUIPMENT

RULE 1304

Metal spikes shall not be permitted.

BASES, PITCHING AND OUTFIELD FENCE DISTANCE

RULE 1305

In AABC tournament play, the distance between the bases shall be 60 feet, and the pitching distance shall be 40 feet. At all Regional and World Series play, the pitching mound shall have a pitching plate that is approximately four (4) inches above home plate and the batter's box shall be three (3) feet by five (5) feet. If outfield fences are utilized, they shall not exceed 140 feet down each foul line and 150 in straight center field.

PITCHING CIRCLE

RULE 1306

An eighteen foot circle (diameter from the mound) shall be marked on each diamond. A pitcher can go down to the edge of the circle to take a throw from the catcher. The runner cannot advance if the pitcher has the ball in the circle, except when the ball is returned after a hit and time is not called.

BALK RULE

RULE 1307

The balk rule does not apply in the Roberto Clemente Division.

RE-ENTRY

RULE 1308

Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. If a starting pitcher leaves the field of play, he may re-enter the game in the same batting position but not as a pitcher. Please note that discovery of an illegal player by an umpire shall result in that player being restricted to the dugout for the duration of the game.

NOTE: The Designated Hitter is not allowed in Roberto Clemente.

ROD CAREW DIVISION

The 6 and under division of the AABC will be known as the Rod Carew Division. Playing Rules shall be determined by the Region/Area where the game is played.

2026 WORLD SERIES DATES

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11U GIL HODGES

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- 9U Jackie Robinson Ws | May 23-25 | Branson, MO | Hoat.Org
10U Willie Mays Ws | May 29-31 | Branson, MO | Hoat.Org
11U Gil Hodges Ws | May 23-25 | Branson, MO | Hoat.Org
12U Pee Wee Reese Ws | June 5-7 | Branson, MO | Hoat.Org
13U Nolan Ryan Ws | May 29-31 | Branson, MO | Hoat.Org
14U Sandy Koufax Ws | June 12-14 | Joplin, MO | Hoat.Org
15U Ken Griffey, Jr. Ws | June 25-28 | Springfield, MO | Hoat.Org
16U Mickey Mantle Ws | July 14-19 | Norman, OK | Fivetool.Org
17U Don Mattingly Ws | July 7-12 | Melissa, TX | Fivetool.Org
18U Connie Mack Ws Qualifier | June 9-14 | Denver, CO | Fivetool.Org
18U Connie Mack Ws Qualifier | June 18-21 | Orange Cnty, CA | Fivetool.Org
18U Connie Mack Ws Qualifier | June 16-21 | Franklin, TX | Fivetool.Org
18U Connie Mack Ws Qualifier | June 18-21 | Spokane, WA | Fivetool.Org
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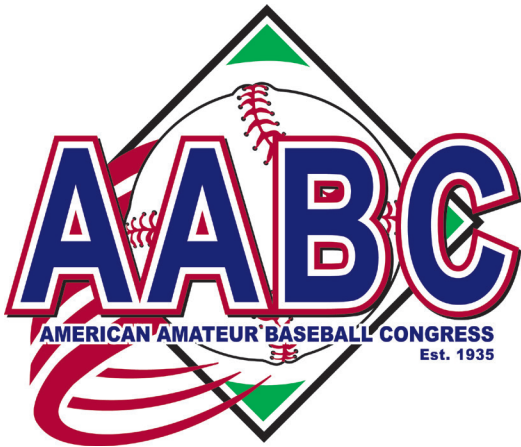
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